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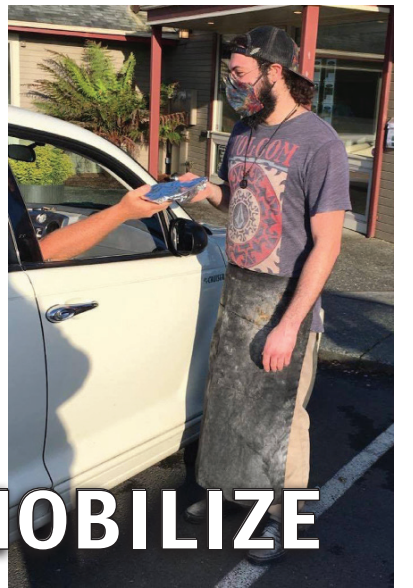
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## FOOD NOT GERMS AS MAKERS MASK & MOBILIZE

**PROPER PREP** Food preparation these days involves masking up for safety and delivering curbside. Left, Madison Petranek, a volunteer with Carr Critter Rescue, fixes lunch for feral cats, some of which were trapped for spaying and neutering. This is the beginning of kitten season, and Humboldt Spay Neuter Network at (707) 442-7729 has multiple litters in foster care and available for adoption. Middle left, Nick Kohl, owner/chef at Oberon Grill, now prepares hundreds of meals per day for Arcata's houseless at the Arcata House Partnership (AHP) Annex (see story, page 3). Middle right, Joseph Mazzotti and Kitchen Manager Max Ludwig at Mazzotti's on the Plaza, which is taking orders at (707) 822-1900. Michael Allaire, pizza chef at Headie's Pizza in the Trinidad shopping center, does double duty as curbside deliveryman. He said they've "been as busy as summertime" and that they've seen new customers. LEFT PHOTO COURTESY JAN CARR; MIDDLE PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION; RIGHT PHOTO BY JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION

## McGuire anticipates a gradual reopening

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

**HUMBOLDT** – As the state and its counties prepare for relaxing some shelter in place restrictions, Senator Mike McGuire has advised North Coast residents to expect a prolonged continuation of social distancing, facial coverings and other infection prevention methods.



**State Sen. Mike McGuire**

The next steps in the state's handling of the COVID-19 epidemic were discussed by McGuire in an April 29 telephone town hall forum.

To an audience of about 800 North Coast residents, McGuire described what he called the "challenges" to returning to normal.

He said it will take a year or more before a coronavirus vaccine is available, there "isn't and there will not be a robust federal testing program" and antibody testing that would "give us the data we need to make sound decisions simply isn't ready for prime time."

McGUIRE ♦ PAGE 5

## Humboldt readies for 2-year transition

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

**HUMBOLDT** – Outlining near future plans for dealing with coronavirus, state and county officials are planning for a phased return to normal social and economic life whose final stage – introduction of a vaccine – is said to be two years away.

In Humboldt County and throughout the state and country, economic destruction is continuing as shelter in place orders keep people away from each other. At the April 28 Board of Supervisors meeting, Teresa Frankovich, Humboldt's public health officer, described the staged reopening plan for schools and businesses.

The previous day and the day of meeting, California Governor Gavin Newsom advanced a "framework" for return to normalcy. And Frankovich said, "We're not talking about a six-month approach, we're talking about, we're gonna be in this for a couple of years."

Supervisor Rex Bohn warned of reactions to that. "You're literally freaking out the masses out here," he told Frankovich. He questioned what the two years will entail.

REOPENING ♦ PAGE 5

## Beaches stay open, tracing expands

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**HUMBOLDT** – With Humboldt's COVID-19 caseload seemingly stabilized at 54 total (as of Monday morning), health and public safety authorities continued to adapt and refine policies to meet the threat.

### Beaches remain open

Sheriff William Honsal expressed appreciation on April 30 for Governor Gavin Newsom's decision to keep beaches in Humboldt County open and limit closures to parts of Southern California.

Sheriff Honsal said, "I'm grateful the governor didn't move forward with a plan that would have unnecessarily and arbitrarily restricted access to our coastline," adding he supports the need to balance public health and safety with the rights of individuals protected under the state and federal constitutions. "Closing beaches in areas where people weren't following social distancing is a more



**Sheriff Billy Honsal**

CORONAVIRUS ♦ PAGE 7

## Madrone foresees a careful un-dimming

**Jack Durham**  
MAD RIVER UNION

**MCKINLEYVILLE** – The reopening of the local economy won't be like flipping on a light switch, with everything opening all at once.

Instead it will be like turning up a dimmer switch, with businesses gradually opening, but with new safety protocols in place, according to Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone, who addressed the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) at its first electronic meeting on April 29.



**Steve Madrone**

The McKMAC discussed the coronavirus crisis, crime and elected new officers at the meeting, held using Zoom, an online meeting platform.

### Cautious opening

Madrone said that a lot of people are asking about the Board of Supervisors and its roll in the crisis.

"A lot of people are wondering 'Where are we?'" Madrone said. "The Sheriff and the Health Officer are the ones in charge of this emergency."

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# Village Pantry restaurant, closed over COVID-19, may never reopen

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VALLEY WEST – It’s become apparent that the post-coronavirus/COVID-19 world will be different, and one difference for Arcata’s Valley West shopping center may be the loss of the Village Pantry restaurant.

In a public Facebook post (*readable at [madriverunion.com](https://www.madriverunion.com)*), owner Richard Thompson states that shopping center owner Shami Mitri of Shami Valley

West LLC, located in Santa Rosa, refused a proposal which would allow the restaurant, closed since March, to recover and repay its rent once the Coronavirus crisis is over.

Contacted by phone, Mitri said that Thompson “never mentioned” a repayment arrangement, but that he did use “very bad language” during a conversation.

“If he keeps threatening me, I will take action,” Mitri said.

Mitri said he made a counter offer to Thompson, but declined to offer details and referred questions to his attorney. On being asked who his attorney is, he hung up.

Thompson disputes Mitri’s claims. “He never countered a reasonable counter to me based on what I offered, just a continuation the same arrangement,” Thompson said. “I never swore at him. I have never verbally communicated directly with him.”

Thompson said all communication with Mitri has been through the shopping center’s property manager.

Public records show Shami Valley West LLC as a foreign company which incorporated in October, 2006 in Delaware, and owned by Mitri H. Shami.

The Corporation Wiki website indicates that the company is one of several in which Shami is involved.

“Our employees are all making

more than they did while working because of the \$600 extra they get each week from the federal government,” Thompson said. “Some of them will be moved to our Eureka location. Someone will maybe open that location within a year or two. After July 31, some pain will begin as the federal subsidy drops off. An interesting story related to this situation is how the government Paycheck Protection Program effects restaurants and other small business.”



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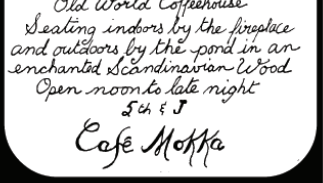
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## City Attorney Diamond recovering from crash

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ARCATA – City Attorney Nancy Diamond was seriously injured in a vehicle accident about two weeks ago, and remains hospitalized at St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka. Details of the crash weren’t immediately available, though Diamond acknowledged that her injuries were serious. “But the good news is that I will, eventually, fully recover,” she said.

Reported Diamond: “I was in the progressive care unit (PCU) at St Joes for 10 days, then admitted to the acute rehab facility. I get to go home on Monday :) Strange time to be in the hospital: Family visits have been through my second floor window, talking on the phone to my family below in the parking lot.”

Saturday morning, Diamond offered appreciation to those who’ve expressed concern for her.

“It’s a small community, and I am simply touched to my core with the outpouring of support,” she said. “The care I have received has been incredible: Cal Fire and ambulance

EMT first responders, ER crew, medical teams, PCU healthcare providers, acute rehab professionals – all extraordinarily talented, dedicated individuals and continuing so during such trying times!”

Also feeling the love, she said, are her care providers. “Yesterday, on May 1, I watched through the same windows a car parade drive by the hospital on Harrison with horns blaring, some with streamers and balloons, in tribute to the health care workers. My nurse was visibly touched.”

City Manager Karen Diemer said the city’s legal needs are still being met.


“She has as assistant attorney as needed but she is actually still working when we need to consult,” Diemer said of Diamond. “She has trained us well so we are trying to limit our requests to let her rest, but thankful that we can get quick answers when it is important. We have a couple other attorneys that we have used in the past that also could also be called but so far we haven’t had the need.”



Nancy Diamond

**ARCATA CITY COUNCIL** The Arcata City Council meets online Wednesday, May 6 at 6 p.m. The meeting is viewable at [cityofarcata.org](https://cityofarcata.org) and on YouTube. Agenda items include the annual report of the Parks and Rec Committee, consideration of water and wastewater rate adjustments, changes to fees for use of city property for vending, discussion of reforms to the Arcata Police Department and more.





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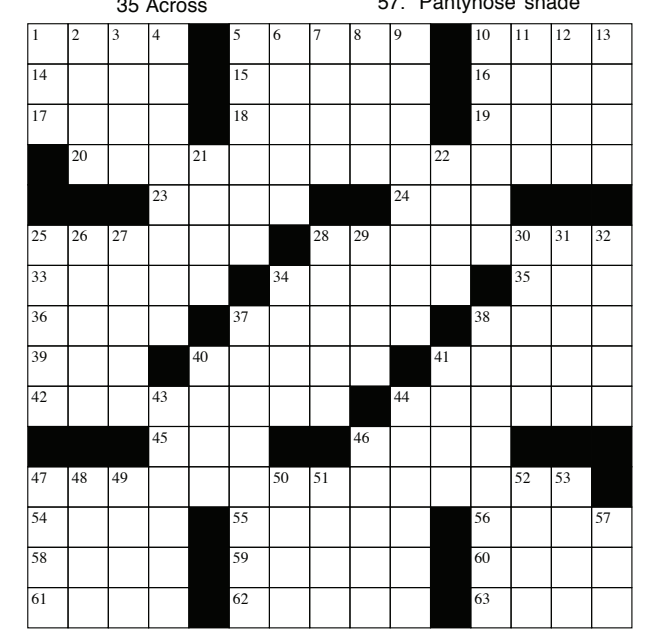
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# Arcata House oversees ambitious feeding effort

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ARCATA – When the history of the 2020 COVID-19 outbreak is written, it will have to be noted that Arcata, its government, institutions, businesses and individuals mustered all available resources to care for the town’s houseless and most vulnerable.

In addition to two city-sponsored campgrounds with hygienic facilities, plus housing of elderly and disabled homeless people in motels, all of the above residents and more are receiving three nutritious meals a day prepared by a professional chef.

The monumental feeding effort, under which 270 meals per day are prepared, takes place at the Arcata House partnership (AHP) Annex, located across from the Intermodal Transit Facility, which also hosts one of the campgrounds.

Nick Kohl, owner and chef at Eureka’s Oberon Grill, runs the coronavirus-compliant kitchen. The Annex’s adjacent dining room and the storage lockers are presently stuffed with donations of food, many from restaurants closed for the crisis.

When the virus struck and shutdowns began, Kohl said he looked around and asked, “What can I do to help, with my skill set?” The answer was AHP, and on April 2, he set up shop at the Annex.

Darlene Spoor, AHP executive director, said that when Humboldt’s shelter-in-place order went out in late March, the organization “needed to figure out how to help people who didn’t have a place to shelter in place.”

Those who had survived by panhandling suddenly found the streets devoid of donors. AHP immediately opened its kitchen and found an instant demand for 200 meals per day, but lacked adequate personnel. On putting out the call for help, Kohl stepped up. “He came in, organized the kitchen and started serving,” Spoor said.

At this point, Kohl and crew are preparing daily meals for the 40 housed in tents, 32 clients at Arcata Bay crossing, 13 people in family shelters, 22 people housed in 18 motel rooms and 30 to 50 who use the Annex’s walk-up window. That window is open from 1 to 4 p.m. for the public, with earlier hours for assigned clients.

Breakfast consists of pre-made items, while lunch and dinner are freshly prepared. The cuisine is based on donations, but is supplemented with purchases to round out the meals. Selections last week included barbecued chicken and black beans, spaghetti, ham wraps, egg salad sandwiches and more.

Despite the volume of meals going out, AHP’s biggest need isn’t for food. Cash donations, which can be sent via [arcatahouse.org](http://arcatahouse.org) or dropped off at 1005 11th St., are always welcome.

The most pressing need, though, is for clothing. AHP is to open a showering facility adjacent to the annex

this week, and, said Spoor, “We’d like to give everyone a clean outfit.” Clothes may be dropped off at the Annex, 501 Ninth St. Laundry service is also coming available.

AHP isn’t going it alone in all this. Partners include the City of Arcata, the county Office of Emergency Services (OES), the Arcata Presbyterian Church, the Arcata First Methodist Church, Food Not Bombs and the Days Inn, plus volunteers. AHP’s volunteer coordinator may be reached at (707) 298-7610.

“We are so grateful for the public support,” Spoor said. “Heroes really do wear aprons.”



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The Blue Lake Casino’s doors will remain closed until the end of March, when the tribe will re-evaluate the situation. The tribe is choosing to act out of an abundance of caution and is honoring Governor Gavin Newsom’s request as well as strictly following recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services, and other trusted sources of information.

At this point, the Blue Lake Hotel will remain open. Before check-in, guests are being asked if they have been in close contact with a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19. The information is then being reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If necessary, the tribe is prepared to close the hotel if the situation begins to look unsafe.

The Blue Lake Rancheria will keep Play Station 777 Gas Station and Convenience Store open for people to get fuel and supplies. If the coronavirus worsens, the tribe plans to limit access to the convenience store, and will ask customers to pay outside by credit card at the pump – all pumps will be routinely cleaned and sanitized.

The Blue Lake Rancheria’s government offices and business enterprises are following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) routinely cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces (e.g. workstations, countertops, and doorknobs), as well as requiring employees to practice regular handwashing and to stay home if sick. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed throughout the property in public spaces and employee-only areas for people to readily use. To educate our employees and guests about COVID-19, we have posted CDC bulletins and posters about measures that we all need to take to prevent the spread of this virus.

At this time, we expect no disruption of tribal government programs. Programs such as home meal deliveries will continue as usual. We will notify stakeholders with as much advance notice as possible if any changes are expected.

The Blue Lake Rancheria is always looking ahead at issues that could impact the region and takes great pride in community preparedness, keeping our tribal members, valued guests and dedicated employees safe. The tribe’s top priority right now is to reduce the risks of coronavirus and keep our community healthy. We are reviewing local, state, and federal recommendations daily and making necessary changes.

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## Squatter-ravaged Scout Hut in rehab

Kevin L. Hoover

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – The wholesome and horrible still show side by side at the Scout Hut in Redwood Park, a historic and still-used building recently occupied for an unknown time by squatters.

It's not known who or how many people individuals occupied the hut, though some people have suspicions. Whoever did it broke in through a side window, then lived there for an unknown period of time over the winter.

In the time they were there, the occupants looted Boy Scout Troop 15's scouting supplies from food to camping gear, stole a TV, damaged fixtures, messed up the lighting system, didn't flush the functional toilet, littered the building with booze bottles and plastered everything from the ceiling on down – including the toilet – with elaborate, sometimes obscene graffiti.

"There may have been waves of them," said Assistant Scoutmaster Dan Gale, surveying the damage. "This is not sanity at work here."

Weekend before last, following a coronavirus quarantine period and ozone treatment, the city supplied a dumpster, and much of the hut's furniture was hauled out and tossed. "It may have been slept on, and parents weren't comfortable with it being used by their kids," Gale said.

Another Dan – Dan Hauser – served as scoutmaster from the early 1970s through 1982, and spent "lots and lots of time" in the building.

The Scout Hut, he said, was originally built in the 1940s or '50s by a local little theatre troupe. When it folded in the late '50s, the scouts took it over. They divided up the single large room, adding the "patrol rooms on the building's north side.

Innumerable meetings were held there, Hauser recalled, and the building is still festooned with crafty merit badge-earning projects from the ages. Walls are laden with awards and other memorabilia, including numerous newspaper clippings from the *Arcata Eye*, *Mad River Union* and *Times-Standard* in which scouts are featured.

In months to come, Gale and scout families will attempt to clean up the hut, obliterate the graffiti and restore the building to safe use. "It's a great facility and is heavily used during normal times," Hauser said.

Meanwhile, Gale and the *Union* have been sent tips about an Instagram user who posted screen grabs of photos of the graffiti from the newspaper's website, along with his own, not dissimilar art.

"WHO WANT A MURAL WORK ???" read one posting, since deleted.

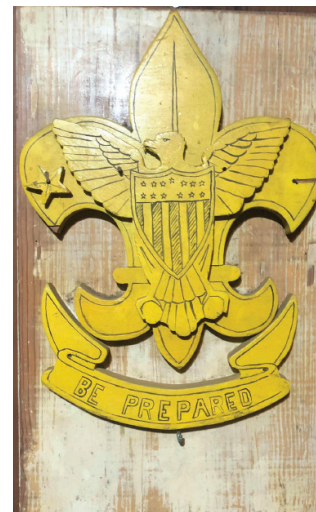
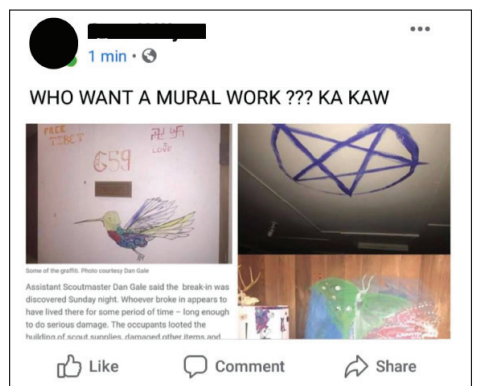
One tipster named the "erratic and dangerous" individual suspected, stating that he is a Missouri resident who frequently visits Arcata.

Gale said Arcata Police told him they are familiar with the individual.

Right, scout-crafted art next to the graffiti with which the Scout Hut was slathered. Bottom right, art from the suspected graffitist's workbook.



**ANARTY Troop 15 Scoutmaster Dan Gale in the ravaged, gutted Scout Hut, above. Right, a Facebook/Instagram user advertising his (?) work.** PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



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# North Coast crab value down, salmon fishing banned

**Daniel Mintz**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**  
HUMBOLDT – This year’s commercial Dungeness crab season is tracking to be on par with last year’s but value took a hit, as live crab exports to China were blocked at a time when demand surges.

And this year’s ocean salmon season will offer little consolation. Northern California’s season is canceled due to a forecast of low Klamath River fall Chinook runs.

The Dungeness and Chinook fisheries are staples of the region’s fishing industry but both are hampered this year.

Live animal exports to China have only recently been reopened. They were completely shut down by early February, which severely curtailed the live crab market.

Then the coronavirus emerged and spread throughout the U.S. When it reached California, closures of restaurants to in-house diners contributed to a market

downscale.

Mike Conroy, executive director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations (PCFFA), described the season as one that forced crabbers to search for alternatives to business as usual.

“While the market dried up in Asia, China in particular, there was still some opportunity here for guys that had their gear in the water,” he said. “But they were definitely impacted, economically, from the loss of the export market”

Fishermen who had developed domestic markets made up of retailers and restaurants were able to carry through until mid-March, when shelter in place orders began in San Francisco Bay area counties.

“Once we lost the restaurant market, for a lot of guys who didn’t have direct marketing op-

portunities, that was kind of the final nail in the coffin for them,” said Conroy.

The spring Dungeness fishery is known for low volume and higher price but Conroy said the lowered demand had a corresponding effect on price, which dropped as low as \$2 a pound.

“It got to a point where it wasn’t going to be economically viable for the fishermen to go out and service their gear, so most of them just brought it in and called their season good,” he continued.

Many crabbers were able to salvage the season, whose landings are comparable to last year’s.

In California, about 13 million pounds of crab were landed as of April 1, with a total value to fishermen of about \$43.8 million. Last year saw 12.8 million pounds landed at a value of \$46 million.

In this year’s season, the North Coast region accounts for \$16.8 million of the value through April 1. Crabbing in the Central Coast region has been more lucrative, at \$26.9 million.

For the third straight year, Oregon has been the hot spot for crabbing on the West Coast. Oregon’s landings amounted to 18.75 million pounds as of mid-April, with an ex-vessel value of \$66.7 million.

**Northern closure**

The West Coast’s commercial ocean salmon fishing seasons were finalized by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) at its April meeting and include what Council Chair Phil Anderson described as “very restrictive” allowances.

Low runs for Klamath River fall Chinook salmon have triggered Northern California’s closure and restricted fishing in the Fort Bragg area and southern Oregon.

The closure encompasses the

North Coast’s Klamath Management Zone from the Oregon border to Horse Mountain, which is just north of Shelter Cove.

North Coast fishermen who want to make a go of the salmon season will have to travel.

From the Fort Bragg area to Point Arena, fishing is limited to 10 days in August and the month of September. The most fishing time is offered south of Point Arena, in the greater San Francisco Bay area. The season there will be open off and on May through July. August will be mostly open in the area and it will be open for all of September.

“Up along the North Coast, it’s going to be a tough year,” said Conroy.

But he noted that the PFMC has approved groundfish regulations with increased fishing opportunities. “Groundfish are not salmon but it’s something, for those guys who want to stay up in that neck of the woods, to help alleviate the pain,” he said.

## McGuire | Transmission prevention a must

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Shelter in place orders have been “the only tool in the belt that we can utilize,” he continued.

But he added that that’s “starting to change” and the state is “focusing on a process to gradually reopen lower-risk workplaces and getting folks back to work.”

The first round of reopenings will include the “mom and pop retail businesses” that are “the heart of our local economy” said McGuire. They will not operate as they did prior to the advent of COVID-19, however.

The new ways of doing business may include curbside pick-up or allowing limited numbers of customers to enter stores.

Small businesses should prepare for reopening by “setting up physical distancing standards,” having masks and hand sanitizers available, and implementing other employee and customer safety measures.

McGuire added that large-scale events that draw crowds “will not take place at least through the summer months.”

On hand to answer submitted audience questions were health officers from Humboldt, Trinity and Del Norte counties, and Dr. Timothy Brewer, a UCLA infectious disease specialist.

Asked whether coronavirus will “shrink” in the warmer summer months, Brewer said the virus doesn’t transmit as well when it’s warm but he expects it will remain in circulation.

Humboldt County Health Officer Teresa Frankovich had earlier announced that the county is the first to put a state-sponsored testing site in operation. Asked if IHSS caregivers will be prioritized for testing, Frankovich said that they will be, along with others who have “front line exposure,” such as grocery clerks.

Asked about trimmers and others who come into the county to work in the cannabis industry, Frankovich said transmission prevention tactics such as hiring local residents and quarantining out-of-area workers for 14 days are being encouraged.

“It is a concern for all of us and I think it speaks to the issue of needing to have the entire state ready as we are opening up,” Frankovich said.

As of press time, Humboldt County had confirmed 54 cases of COVID-19, with only a few new cases logged in the last two weeks. But health officials have said the virus is cir-

culating in the community and there will be a surge in cases.

Asked when Humboldt County will see its peak in cases, Frankovich said one locally-developed model based on lifting all restrictions as of May 1 shows a peak in July with “massive hospitalizations that would overwhelm our system.”

Another model, based on keeping all restrictions in place, shows a peak in November or December with “a much lower number of cases that would be far more manageable.”

The county’s plan is to do something in between the two approaches and “the big question is where and how high a peak,” said Frankovich.

It’s expected to hit in late summer or early fall but “a lot of that depends on what happens on the ground,” she continued.

A Humboldt Crabs baseball fan asked whether the team will play games this summer. Frankovich, who is also a Crabs fan, said allowing events that draw crowds would be part of the final phase of re-opening but may be possible if a way to do it with social distancing is figured out.

The state has an overarching shelter in place order and will issue a similarly comprehensive reopening plan. McGuire addressed what he said was one of the forum’s most common questions – whether rural counties like Humboldt will be able to devise their own plans.

Coronavirus will be hanging around for at least another year to a year-and-a-half and McGuire said there needs to be statewide readiness for more cases. Every community must have the hospital bed capacity, testing and tracing capability, and “modification and safety plans” for reopening businesses and expanding restaurant activity, he said.

Concluding the forum, McGuire said the state’s plan is to “gradually reopen lower risk workplaces” but it will be done “safely and strategically.”

Easing restrictions will “be done in stages over the next several weeks – not months, as long as we continue to keep virus case numbers low,” he continued.

The timing of initial reopenings was revised by the end of the week, when Governor Gavin Newsom told reporters in a briefing that statewide retail and hospitality business openings will happen within “many days, not weeks.”

## Reopening | A four-phase approach

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Frankovich described what Newsom has outlined. A four-phase reopening would begin with what’s being done now – preparing for more cases and opening “lower-risk entities.”

Phases two and three would see “a broadening” of economic and social activity “based on our numbers.”

The final phase would happen when a vaccine is available and “we can then move back to those things like our mass events where we don’t really need to limit and do some of the distancing things that we’ve done,” Frankovich said.

The county enacted its shelter place order on March 18 and a statewide order was issued the next day. When Bohn expressed doubt about a “one size fits all” statewide approach, Frankovich said Newsom’s plan is indeed to have all counties “move as one” toward reopening the economy.

County Sheriff Billy Honsal has been supportive of allowing rural counties like Humboldt to tailor their reopening plans to their own circumstances. He alluded to intensifying pressure to resume economic activity.

“I want to recognize that there’s a lot of fear in our county and in our state and in our country and with fear, a lot of people turn that to anger,” he said.

He told supervisors state and federal control is inescapable but he added, “As we are preparing for a phased reopening, there’s going to be some things that we can do a little bit differently in Humboldt County.”

Honsal said input is being sought for local planning through community surveys and outreach.

Scott Adair, the county’s economic development director, said a survey of about 700 local businesses showed a \$26 million total economic loss as of April 22, the loss of 1,874 jobs, 15 business closures and about 10,000 unemployment claims.

He said his department’s staff has been activated as disaster assistance workers in an Economic Impact and Recovery Branch of the county’s Emer-

gency Operations Center.

The county is balancing the need for economic rescue against the public health threat. County Public Branch Director Michele Stephens acknowledged the crushing impacts of sheltering in place but she also advised that easing restrictions will have a corresponding effect on viral spread.

“When we reopen we will have an increase in cases,” she said.

She emphasized the importance of the current preparation phase, where hospital capacity, testing and amassing supplies will “help us to not be overwhelmed down the road and then have to pull back and do a shelter in place order again, and impact families all over again.”

She added, “This is a difficult time and there’s tension everywhere around the pressure to open because people are hurting financially – it’s very real for people and we get that,” she said.

But she wants people to understand that “we also have a virus that is killing people and could really overwhelm our rural community very easily.”

Frankovich reported that a new state-sponsored mobile testing center – the first to be set up in the state – will soon be open to the public and will increase the county’s testing capacity by about 100 tests a day.

She said the county contact investigation team has increased from three people to 30.

A so-called alternate care site is being constructed at Redwood Acres fairgrounds in Eureka and local hospitals are preparing for a rise in COVID-19 hospitalizations.

As of May 2, the county had confirmed 54 cases and there have been four hospitalizations.

Although Bohn and Honsal support some degree of local control on reopenings, Stephens cited the testing center and the alternate care site as showings of state support. She told supervisors, “To go behind the governor and violate his order and do our own changes might burn us later when we need them.”

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The supervisors, he said, are there to provide support. Madrone said that he gets about 100 calls a day from constituents. He suggested that people visit [humboldt.gov](https://humboldt.gov), where there are videos from supervisors and health experts discussing the situation.

“I know a lot of us feel like we’ve been drinking from a fire hose,” Madrone said about the quantity of news and information.

The county is ramping up testing for COVID-19 and has created a tracing program. If someone tests positive, the tracing program will research who had contact with the infected person and have them isolate themselves.

The county has also created a pilot program to certify that businesses are following safety protocols.

“We are hoping in a couple of weeks to reopen portions of the economy,” Madrone said.

Madrone warned that this has to be done slowly because the pandemic is still going on.

“We’re not out of this by any means,” Madrone said.

The number of people who have tested positive was 54 on the day of the McKMAC meeting.

Madrone said the low numbers are a sign of the success of the shelter-in-place order.

While some have argued that the low numbers suggest the shelter-in-place order was an over-reaction, Madrone said that is the wrong way of looking at it.

“It’s kind of like you’ve got a tsunami warning system. The sirens go off, everybody gets out of the tsunami zone and nobody gets killed. Then it’s over with and everybody goes, ‘Look, we didn’t need that! Nobody got killed, nobody’s hurt, so let’s get rid of the sirens,’” Madrone said.

The lack of deaths, so far, is a sign of the success of the measures being taken, Madrone said.

**Crime**

Capt. Bryan Quenell of the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Department gave the committee crime statistics that show a drop in the number of calls.

In February, the Sheriff’s Office received 3,143 calls for service, took 564 reports and made 145 arrests. In March, there were 3,298 calls for service, 580 reports and 127 arrests.

For April, there have been 2,916 calls for service, 377 crime reports and 70 arrests.

Quenell said the statistics are for all of Humboldt County. McKinleyville numbers weren’t available, but he said the town is basically a microcosm of the county as a whole.

“Hopefully, we keep that trend going,” Quenell said.

**Trail trouble**

Quenell was asked about an assault that took place April 7 on the Hammond Trail.

Kyle Cole Berger, 19, was arrested at his nearby home after he allegedly assaulted a teenager who was walking on the trail with his family. He also allegedly assaulted a

female adult. The assaults were random and unprovoked.

“There was a mental health component to that,” Quenell said, reassuring the committee that such random violence is not the norm on the popular trail.

Supervisor Madrone requested that the Sheriff’s Office increase its bicycle patrols on the Hammond Trail.

**New officers**

The McKMAC typically elects new officers at its January meeting. But this year, with twice-weekly meetings for developing a McKinleyville Town Center master plan, the election of officers was delayed. Then came the coronavirus.

The changing of the guard at last week’s meeting was about as amicable as could be, with incoming and outgoing officers repeatedly praising each other for their service.

The committee voted unanimously to have Maya Conrad serve as the chair. She replaces Kevin Dreyer. Dreyer was then selected as the new vice chair. He replaces Kevin Jenkins.

Bonnie Oliver was chosen as the new secretary, replacing Barbara Georgianna.

**Town Center**

The McKMAC will resume its planning for the McKinleyville Town Center on Wednesday, May 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting will be held using Zoom. Visit [zoom.us/j/98784115198](https://zoom.us/j/98784115198). The meeting ID is 987-8411-5198.

The meeting will include a review of responses to a survey on the McKinleyville Town Center.



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News item: Protesters advocating premature reopening staunchly oppose the basic biology of viral transmission.

## Humboldt State’s hopeful path to fiscal stability and campus vitality

**HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY**  
HUMBOLDT STATE – Last week, Humboldt State University Vice President for Administration & Finance Douglas Dawes released a plan for the university to cope with and survive the current coronavirus crisis. The crisis is expected to cost the university \$20 million.

“These past two months have been difficult and challenging for all of us,” Dawes wrote. “We are living in unprecedented times.”

In introducing the roadmap, Dawes described it as student focused, with across-the-campus sacrifices for all the university’s divisions.

“I appreciate the University Resource and Planning Committee for providing insights and feedback about this plan, and for continuing to keep students and fiscal sustainability at the forefront,” Dawes said. “We have challenges along with many opportunities in front of us.”

**A Path to Fiscal Stability and Campus Vitality in a Time of Uncertainty**

Due to significant financial pressures from declining enrollments, exacerbated by COVID-19, HSU must make major adjustments to its budget quickly to ensure ongoing fiscal viability. HSU anticipates a significant decrease in enrollment for AY 2020-21 and a \$20 million reduction to its budget over the next two years (See 2020-21 Scenario Planning and Budget Planning Scenarios - Deficit Ranges). In planning for these reductions, an important tool will be the guiding principles developed by the URPC earlier this academic year. COVID-19 has presented an unprecedented situation for higher education institutions across the nation and it is challenging, with the many

variables at play, to project how enrollment trends now and in the future will play out. At this time, more than ever, HSU will need to focus on recruitment, retention, innovation, and investment in new programs.

Each Division Vice President is charged with reducing spending and increasing revenue to reach the anticipated \$20 million shortfall (See *URPC Reduction Methodology @ \$20M*). The following four core strategies will be deployed as needed by Vice Presidents in making adjustments in their Divisions.

**Strategy 1: Maintain a STUDENTS FIRST focus and enhance programs and service delivery**

**Goals:**

- Ensure programmatic offerings and resources are in place to support a high quality educational experience.
- Transform facilities to build community and places to connect, as well as co-locate student programs and services.
- Enhance service delivery and explore shared services opportunities.
- Continue efforts to align student fees with student needs.

**Implementation Strategies:**

- Develop an Academic Master Plan to guide development and growth of the University’s academic offerings.
- Explore opportunities to enhance collaboration and coordination between student support units.
- Reimagine and reinvest in the student union facility.
- Continue to implement recommendations from the Student Fee Task Force Report.
- Limit reductions to budgets that support student employment.
- Pursue investments in pro-



gramming for students or prospective students that acknowledge new challenges related to the pandemic and shelter-in-place rules. Identify opportunities and programs that fit with HSU’s strengths and set us apart from competitors in the CSU, State of California, and the world.

**Strategy 2: Align our staffing with the current reality of being a smaller University**

**Goals:**

- Prioritize recruitments based on strategic priorities and service to students.
- Strategic reinvestment in growth areas to strengthen programmatic offerings.
- Preserve jobs for existing employees, with the understanding that the overall workforce must be reduced.
- A fair and thoughtful approach for faculty and staff position vacancies.

**Implementation strategies:**

- Refill only a portion of the budgeted position vacancies that arise, including faculty, staff and administrators. Leaders must prioritize critical gaps and be creative in leveraging HSU’s workforce, in line with collective bargaining agreements, to ensure the University has personnel in place to meet the needs of our students.

- Implement Retirement Incentive Program(s). Exploration is underway to determine feasibility at a campus level.
- Strategic reinvestment into growing high-demand and promising programs, as well as investing in new programs based on the identified priorities in the Strategic Plan, Enrollment Plan, and Academic Master Plan.

**Strategy 3: Strategically fund allocations to mission critical activities and streamline processes and structures for work that must continue.**

**Goals:**

- Reduce discretionary spending, freeing up resources to bridge spending reductions and support strategic reinvestment.
- Improve operational efficiency by focusing efforts on mission critical work.
- Consolidate departments/operations to achieve synergy and reduce duplication of effort.
- Streamline processes and structures to sustain core operations with smaller workforce.

**Implementation Strategies:**

- Reduce OE budgets, allow divisions to roll forward 100 percent of unspent OE to incentivize only spending on essential costs. This allows areas to invest in promising programs and can support bridging gaps while working on reductions. (Reports of purchases above \$500 will be shared routinely with VPs).
- Initiate a freeze immediately and through the next fiscal year on all non-essential facilities projects and work requests, except for those projects approved through divisional VP (See Essential Work Prioritization).
- Initiate a freeze through the next fiscal year on all non-essen-

tial travel (See FAQs for Travel Restrictions).

- Reduce the number of individuals who are issued Procards to reduce administrative support in reconciling and auditing.
- Centralize basic costs of doing business (such as telephone and network costs) and redistribute budget accordingly, saving the personnel time required to process internal transactions.
- Consolidate departments/functions, restructure to meet the needs of our campus and students.
- Utilize local expertise, where possible, to provide training and other consultative needs for campus.

**Strategy 4: Enhance Revenue**

**Goals:**

- Expand availability of resources to support the campus.
- Diversify revenue streams.
- Expand partnerships with the community.
- Strategically invest in existing and new programs to bolster enrollment efforts.

**Implementation Strategies:**

- Continue to support and grow grant and contract generation.
- Create an ad hoc group to pursue pandemic-related recovery grants at the federal and state level, as well as through private foundations.
- Create and implement a plan for pursuing private charitable support in partnership with divisions and colleges, with a focus on areas of clear opportunity.
- Grow new and existing industry and government partnerships that are in line with the mission and values of Humboldt State University.
- Leverage system negotiated contracts for products and services.

## College of the Redwoods innovates during uncertain, unprecedented times

**COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS**  
EUREKA – Given the great number of unknowns created by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is difficult to predict what life on college campuses will look like in the coming year.

However, CR is taking this time to review all areas of the college and to refine processes and innovate solutions that will ensure continuity of instruction for current students, support for incoming students, and compliance with state regulations and academic standards.

CR is stressing the need for faculty to be flexible in an environment that may change rapidly and helping them prepare for several modalities of teaching, including face-to-face, online or a hybrid of the two. They are creating a robust platform for faculty professional development in the event that instruction must be offered online. This will make for better instruction across the board, as faculty innovate new ways to connect students to the materials.

“The switch to online this semester compelled me to videotape my art course lec-

tures and demonstrations--course content I’ve developed over 30 years of teaching. Students can now make up missed lectures and demos if needed, and stay on track with course content,” reports art professor, Cindy Hooper, “This resource will supplement my future face-to-face instruction in very positive ways, and has been a totally worthwhile effort this semester.”

To assist faculty with the transition, biology professor Wendy Riggs, who has served on the Distance Education Planning Committee since well before the COVID pandemic forced the college to take the remainder of the spring semester online, has been working daily on a professional development platform for faculty. It offers tips, templates, technology and peer-to-peer support that is aimed at getting faculty accustomed to teaching ef-

fectively online. The site also ensures faculty are aware of and following all regulations regarding distance education.

Although it has meant a lot of work, Riggs sees it as a labor of love. She explains, “CR professors are an inspiring crew of talented and generous humans. It has been fantastic to watch people work together and rise to this occasion. Faculty have continued providing an excellent education for our students, in spite of the many challenges of moving to on-line delivery. Because of this hard work, whatever happens in the future, we’ll be ready.”

Dr. Angelina Hill, vice president of Instruction and Student Services, has been spearheading the institutional planning efforts among all of the interest groups and foremost in her mind is to ensure the integrity of CR’s academic offerings to students.



Citing optimism for the future, Hill says, “Despite the challenges our students and our community have and will face, as the semester is wrapping up, we have evidence that most students will end successfully. Faculty and staff have learned a tremendous amount during the transition to remote instruction. Foundational policies and procedures are being re-evaluated with a keen awareness that quality instruction in transfer education, career education, and adult education is the central mission of the college.”

CR President Dr. Keith Flamer agrees. “We have had to be nimble in a way that is not easy for large institutions, however, this emergency has required that we examine all areas of the institution for ways to improve efficiency and more easily assist students,” says Flamer. “I think we will find that all of this careful and deliberate planning will be beneficial for the long-term health of the institution.”

Registration for the summer and fall semesters starts May 4. See [redwoods.edu/schedule](http://redwoods.edu/schedule) for more information.



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appropriate response than a statewide closure,” Honsal said.

Officials emphasized that the county's existing Shelter-in-Place Order would remain in full effect, and any crowding of parking areas, beach areas or trails would not be tolerated. Sheriff Honsal said, “We will enforce the local order to keep people safe and encourage social distancing, but Humboldt County's residents shouldn't pay the price for the irresponsible behavior of people 700 miles away from here.”

### Contact tracing expands

Humboldt County Public Health continues to expand contact tracing staff, an important step in being able to ease shelter-in-place restrictions.

Contact tracing is a method of determining how many people may have been exposed to a person confirmed to have COVID-19. The goal is to prevent spread of the virus by identifying those with possible exposures and isolating those who are ill while quarantining those who are healthy but may develop symptoms within the next 14 days.

This helps to avoid transmission of the infection to additional individuals in the community.

Public Health had three Communicable Disease staff available to conduct contact tracing when the outbreak began in late February. Now there are 30 staff trained to fill this role, and additional staff are being trained as one part of

an ongoing effort to plan for an increased number of cases.

Adequate contact tracing is one of the steps needed before non-essential businesses can reopen, as outlined by Governor Gavin Newsom.

### Masks update

The order of the Health Officer requiring county residents to wear facial coverings was updated April 28 to clarify guidance specifically on masking children and on masks with valves. The rest of the guidance remains the same.

The updated order further reiterates that children under 2 years old should not wear facial coverings, and states that children under 12 years of age are not required to be masked, although they are strongly encouraged to do so.

The order also provides updated guidance about masks with valves, stating that any mask that incorporates a valve should have “a one-way valve that only releases filtered air on exhale; a minimum of one or more fabric barriers between the mouth and the exhaust valve and, if the valve is not filtered, an additional face covering is required,” according to the updated order.

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# SCENE

## Tragedy, Clown and Thesis Projects go electronic

### DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL

BLUE LAKE – Dell'Arte International is expanding its online season by adding a series of student performances to the schedule, including the annual Tragedy, Clown and Thesis Projects. While sheltering in place, students have creatively and collectively adapted these culminating performances of their school year to online media.

"While we can't offer the space in the Carlo Theatre for these last performances of the school year, we also can't bear the thought of not offering them to our greatest supporter, our community," said Founding Artistic Director Michael Fields. "Our students have worked tirelessly in adapting their work to online platforms with potent results. And what is a show without an audience? We're thrilled to stay connected in this way until we can reconnect face-to-face and elbow-to-elbow."

Show descriptions and dates are as follows. Note that some shows are happening live through Zoom, while others will be available to view online. In lieu of ticket sales, donations are requested to be made through the Dell'Arte website.

### Tragedy

Video to be available May 1 to 6. The Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre presents *Lily in the Desert*, an original tragedy devised by Dell'Arte's second-year MFA Ensemble, under the guidance of faculty member Sayda Trujillo. The story pits Lily Milton, an ambitious pastor with miraculous powers, against the very people she serves.

Through song, text, and movement, the play delves into

our relationship to God, to the unknown, and to our own belief. Departing from the traditional live performance of tragedy at Dell'Arte due to COVID-19, *Lily in the Desert* was filmed entirely by the ensemble, while observing social distancing and safety protocols for all cast members.

Tragedy at Dell'Arte is an eight-week study in which actors are challenged to embody the powerful physical and metaphysical forces stirred by this ancient theatre form. Pitting the rational, ordered world against the cosmic forces of destruction and chaos, tragedy allows us, through the hero's journey and fall, to glimpse the most shocking aspect of the human condition: our powerlessness.

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in an audience, tragedy is, finally, a life-affirming theatrical form, a cry of the human spirit. In the time of the pandemic, *Lily in the Desert* brings audiences to the heart of an ensemble grappling with forces greater than themselves, and daring to create a cry in the wilderness.

### Clown

Performances on Zoom from Thursday, May 7 to Saturday, May 9 at 8 p.m.

The Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre presents *Clown!* Please join us for a weekend of raucous performances celebrating the buoyant spirit of the clown, a glimpse into the worlds of 18 clowns as they shelter, laugh, dance, slip, and pratfall in place. With the guidance of faculty members Joe Krienke, Stephanie Thompson and Lauren Wilson, a new crop of Dell'Arte clowns have come into the world, just when we all need a good belly laugh.

Details and Zoom links for the three performances will be available on Dell'Arte's website at [dellarte.com](http://dellarte.com). Expect a national and international audience in attendance, as alumni, community members, family, and friends from around the world gather online to laugh with the clowns.

### Thesis Festival

Performances on Zoom Thursday, May 14 to Sunday, May 17, and Thursday, May 21 to Sunday, May 24 at 8 p.m.

The Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre is excited to announce its 2020 Thesis Festival. This year's Thesis Festival features three new works created by members of the graduating MFA class, who have adapted to the

DELL'ARTE ♦ PAGE 9



CLOWNING Students will clown on Zoom. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## QUARANTINE CUISINE



## NOW IS THE TIME TO ROCK SOME HOMEMADE RICOTTA

Sheltering in place probably has taught you new things about cooking habits - you love cooking alone! (not possible now). You hate making breakfast everyday (discover granola!) Milk goes fast when everyone is always home or does it? If milk seems to sit and then goes bad, here's a way to prevent food waste, save a buck or too, and have delicious homemade ricotta.

Making fresh ricotta cheese at home is super simple. It only takes four ingredients - milk, cream, white vinegar or lemon juice and salt. Having a cooking thermometer is handy but not required. And as long as you have a dish towel or a fine mesh strainer, you are ready to make great homemade ricotta.

While ricotta is most known as the filling for lasagna, it is also good as a topping on pesto sauced pizza or just as a spread on crackers or whipped with cocoa powder and sugar to make a quick chocolate treat! Really, let your imagination go wild - what else do you have to do?

### Homemade Ricotta (makes 1 ½ cups)

- ½ gallon whole milk (you can use other milk, but increase the cream by ¼ cup)
- ¼ cup cream
- ¼ cup white vinegar or lemon juice
- Salt to taste

In a large kettle heat milk and cream over medium low heat; insert a thermometer in the milk and cover to heat it quicker. Check on it as it heats and stir to keep milk from sticking to the bottom of the pan. Once the temperature reaches 180 degrees, turn off heat, remove from the hot burner and stir in vinegar or lemon juice and stir to distribute. You will notice the milk beginning to curdle and separate and whey (thin looking liquid) forming.

Allow the curdling to happen until it looks like all the milk has curdled and only the whey is left, about 5 minutes. Strain with a slotted spoon into cheesecloth or a nut milk bag or a fine metal mesh strainer. If you want firm ricotta (firmer than what you buy at the store) allow it to strain for 15 minutes. Otherwise add strained ricotta to a bowl and add ½ teaspoon of salt and mix in gently. Refrigerated, homemade ricotta will keep for about 3 days.

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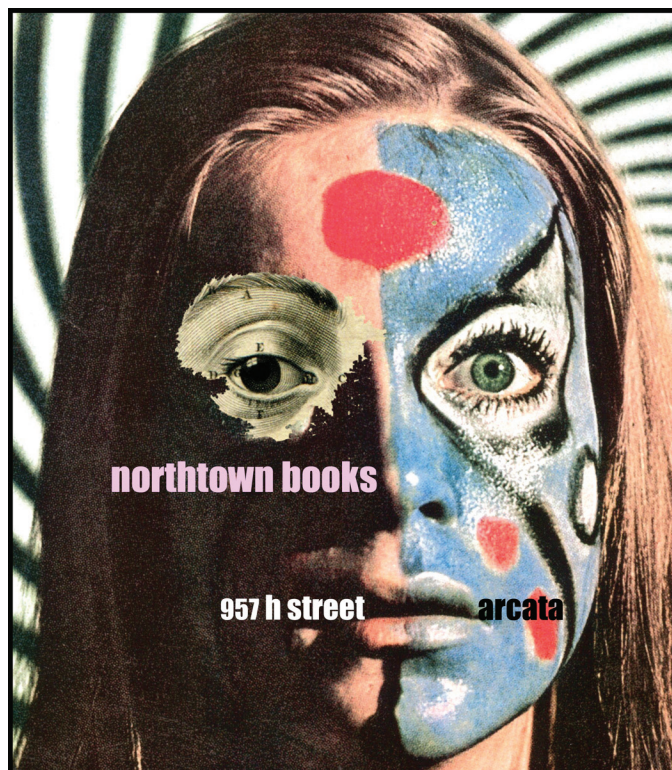


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Take an evening stroll

Last week, I spent practically every evening walking with my little dog, Mushu. Even though we are being asked to “shelter in place” there are some things we can still do.

Walking, getting exercise, and enjoying what our town has to offer is one of those things that is still available to us every day.



❖ BLUE LAKE NOTES  
April Sousa

Of course, there are some guidelines – remember to make every attempt to stay six feet or more apart from others who are out and about, bring a mask if you are worried that you may not be able to do this, and don’t gather in groups down by the river.

The levee loop trail is absolutely gorgeous these days, with luscious green filling every tree and most of the trail. Watch out for the green poison oak though – easily disguised within the other patches of foliage on the trail.

This week’s shout outs first go to the Public Works Crew of Blue Lake. Glenn Bernald, Hal Burris, Jacob Meng, and Skyler Coke (helped by Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Sailor) keep our water and wastewater infrastructure working at top notch, even during these uncertain times.

You can help them out by remembering that the only kind of paper that should be flushed down our toilets is toilet paper – items like paper towels, baby wipes, and the so-called “flushable” wipes should *never* be flushed down any system. Thanks, Public Works, for your dedication to this essential work!

Next, I’d like to do a shout out to another business. It’s hard out there, and most are doing all they can to continue to not only stay open, but to keep their employees working and paid, and to support the community.

The Mad River Brewery is now offering food and beer orders for pick up. You can call (707) 668-4151 to order off their adjusted menu of food and beer. Mad River Brewery is having a deal on kegs, and asks that if you order a keg to please send an email one day in advance to [assistmgr@madriverbrewing.com](mailto:assistmgr@madriverbrewing.com).

They are open from noon to 6:30 p.m. daily! Thanks, Mad River Brewing, for giving us another food and drink option to support during this time. I may need to pick up a case of Steelhead or a growler of Cherry Cider for my next virtual happy hour with friends.

See you all around town Blue Lake!

❖ NEW ARRIVALS

The following babies were recently born at Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata:

**Ariyus Daniel Pace** was born April 3, 2020 to Larissa Pree and Jason Pace.

**Obsidian Rex Mathis Cochran** was born April 1, 2020 to Donna Mathis and George Cochran

**Hazel Jewel Costa** was born April 9, 2020 to Melissa Costa and Jenin Costa.

**Aaliyah Maa-naa-xe Dowd** was born April 12, 2020 to Rachel Dowd and Rick Dowd Jr.

**Simone Lisa Page Bowes** was born April 15, 2020 to Taylor Bowes and Brian Bowes.

**Melody Mae Rose Almaraz** was born April 25, 2020 to Almaraz, Amanda Almaraz and Andrew Johnson.

**Maeve Scarlett Magalhaes** was born April 25, 2020 to Erin Cole and Joaquim Magalhaes.

**Logan Michael Sheppard** was born April 25, 2020 to Hannah Southworth and Benjamin Sheppard.

**Freya Luna Melton** was born April 26, 2020 to Coryn Melton and Jason Melton.

**SurainMarie Jackquaolyn Brutus** was born April 27, 2020 to Sarah Brutus and Andre Brutus

Animal Shelter nearly empty

Week seven of shelter in place: the shelter has only three adoptable dogs and five dogs in hold on site! Six other adoptable dogs are out with foster families (but still available).

For comparison, the shelter was averaging around 25 adoptable dogs and a like number of dogs on hold around the start of the year!

You can always see the currently available dogs and cats (though there are no cats available today) at [petharbor.com](http://petharbor.com). Pet Harbor has changed its format, but perse-

vere and you will find the info you are searching for! One of my favorite big boys at the shelter is Carter. Carter has a public



relations problem to overcome, being a large Pit Bull Terrier mix, but he could be a great ambassador for the breed.

His favorite activity is playing with toys of all varieties – balls, squeaky toys, ropes or truck tires. His happi-

Stuck at home, crabby and cranky

I have been in at home for 45 days, with two visits with my daughter and her family in Fieldbrook, outside in the sun on the patio. No kisses, no hugging. I miss them and they have sun. I have fog every morning, something resembling sun in late afternoon and wind every day. I’m starting to get a little crabby.

Other outings; three times for groceries, and one visit to the doctor. I wouldn’t have gone except my frostbitten toe from a couple of years ago just turned purple again... all of a sudden. Ultrasound and a \$63 tube of nitroglycerin to rub on the plum digits... no word from the doctor and no explanation of the cream. Crabby and cranky.

That set the tone for my week. I’ve tried not to be a crybaby about this whole COVID thing, but I think today just wrapped up all the stress and anxiety and spit it out first thing this morning.

My cat, in a relentless plea for breakfast, jumped in the middle of my bed, used me as a springboard and jumped onto the dresser where things began to crash to the ground... at 5:30 a.m.

I love this little cat, but I try not to reward her weird demanding Siamese temperamental rampages. So, I locked her in the bathroom, hoped for the best and went back to sleep for a couple of hours. I flipped on Sunday Morning, coffee in hand and let “Sybil” out of the bathroom.

After I showered, I rubbed the nitro on my toes, I washed my hands and hit the Purell bottle. Evidently my hands were a bit slippery. I tried to trim my sheep-



❖ MCKINLEYVILLE SENIOR CENTER  
Patti Stammer

dog bangs out of my eyes. Big slip, big chunk of hair in the sink and now I’m wearing a hat.

Next, I got dressed and went to get more coffee. My kitchen faucet is leaking at the spout, so I wrapped a rubber band around the sprayer thingy until I find a plumber. It works fine unless I forget and turn on the water not knowing where the sprayer landed last time it was used. I am now without coffee and very wet. Cursing out loud when I catch a glimpse of my new haircut in the mirror, on the way to the closet for dry clothes.

Dressed again and ready to start the day, I wander into the kitchen again and I’m greeted by ants... everywhere. I was just in there, where did they come from and why are there so many? Waiting for Disinfectant wipes and Tero to work their magic.

Did I mention I hate ants inside? It’s not that cold or wet. Stay outside and we’ll have no problem...

I just sat down at the computer to see if I could write something for the paper. It would not start up. No clue why or how to fix it. I Googled it on my phone and got no help. It’s now so far past the deadline, you may never see this... might be a good thing.

Hope all of you out there are staying safe, not crazy, maybe a little cranky, I would say antsy, but that is just wrong. Please take care and stay connected.

Thanks Jack and Kevin for keeping the *Mad River Union* in our hands and Ted Pease for the *Senior News*, out this week. We are all in this together sharing our stories. Please text me (707) 845-2817 if you have a story of your own to share.

**CHALK THE TOWN** The McKinleyville Community Service District and the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce are cohosting a sidewalk chalk art contest. The event is sponsored by Green Diamond Resource Company. Participants are encouraged to create beautiful sidewalk chalk art, take a photo of it, email

the photo to organizers to be entered in the contest. Entries must be received by midnight, Sunday, May 10. To be entered, email your photo as well as artist’s name and age to both [kirsten@mckinleyvillecsd.com](mailto:kirsten@mckinleyvillecsd.com) and [jesse@mckinleyvillechamber.com](mailto:jesse@mckinleyvillechamber.com). Photos will be posted to category specific albums on our Chalk the

Town Facebook Event Page which will go live on May 11, and voting via Facebook likes will be open for five days from May 11-15. Winners will be announced on Monday, May 18. There will be a variety of categories for children, teens and adults. The winners will receive gift cards from our local businesses.

Dell’Arte | Things get lively at the office when Death starts hanging around

❖ FROM PAGE 8

current circumstances by making their projects available to audiences online.

The online Thesis Festival marks the culmination of three years of graduate study by an international ensemble of theatre artists from Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and the United States.

There will be an opportunity for a talkback with the artists on Thursday, May 14, and Saturday, May 16, on Zoom after the show. Here are this year’s Thesis

Projects:

• *Once Upon a Time I Was Addicted to You*, created by Veenadari Lakshika Jayakody, Jayampathi Guruge, and Nipuni Sharadahra; performed by Veenadari Lakshika Jayakody.

Don’t we all love to listen to fairy tales that begin with “Once upon a time” and end with “Happily ever after”? Not all stories are fairy tales, and not all stories have happy endings. However, we become ad-

dicted to what is familiar and then feel like we need it to survive. But does that mean we are happy?

*Once Upon a Time I Was Addicted to You* is the result of an ensemble working for 10 weeks to create a one-act play online between Sri Lanka and the United States. The international production is inspired by true events.

• *Disparities*, created and performed by Delilah Stowers, Dionna Fletcher, and Everson Ndlovu.

Everyone is caught in a dream of ideas that don’t accept, respect and honor the diverse complexion of Mother Earth. Oppressors have created a longstanding color of law and culture to separate, isolate and dehumanize People of Color mentally, physically and spiritually. Domesticated by the oppressive human hierarchy, these second-class citizens experience and express the lack of humanism and social justice which has tainted their existence. It is

disquieting to desire to navigate the system and a powerless paradox while facing it. How do they continue transforming this darkness into light?

• *Boo Boo: The Big Ouchie*, created and performed by Andrew Lupkes, Abigail Maguire and Joël Vining, with provocation from Erin Crites.

Inspired by current circumstances, *Boo Boo: The Big Ouchie* examines how the drudgery of a day-to-day office existence be-

comes a little more lively as Death starts to hang around.

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LEGAL NOTICES

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**ANDREA SYLVESTER**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
**CASE NO. CV200092**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
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to Proposed name: **ANDREA ANGELINA SILVESTRI**;  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons

interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition

without a hearing.  
Date: JUNE 26, 2020  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
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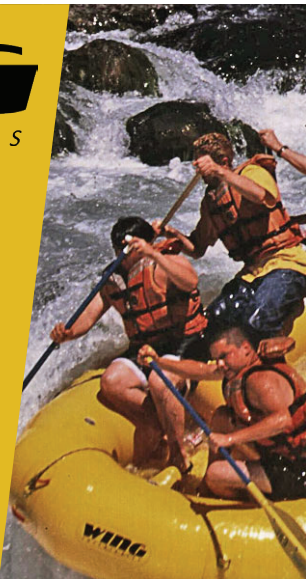
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